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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO. _____

Post secondary education options program.

Sponsored by: HDRAFT

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming post secondary education
2 options program; requiring agreements and mandating
3 compliance with statutory requirements; prohibiting fees as
4 specified; imposing reporting requirements and granting
5 rulemaking authority; providing for development of policy
6 and guidelines on program components; providing an
7 appropriation; and providing for effective dates.

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9 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 21-20-201(a), (d), (e), (h) and by
12 creating a new subsection (j) is amended to read:

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1 **21-20-201. Agreement between districts and post**
2 **secondary education institutions required; student**
3 **participation; credits; financial arrangements;**
4 **transportation; accessibility; required annual reporting.**

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6 (a) To provide a post secondary education enrollment
7 options program under this section, a Wyoming school
8 district board of trustees and a Wyoming community college
9 district board of trustees or the University of Wyoming ~~may~~
10 shall enter into an agreement ~~to establish a postsecondary~~
11 ~~education enrollment options program~~ whereby students
12 resident of the participating district may attend
13 ~~postsecondary~~ post secondary education programs offered by
14 the university or a participating community college.
15 Effective for the 2011-2012 school year and each school
16 year thereafter, the post secondary education enrollment
17 options agreement shall comply with minimum requirements
18 imposed by rule and regulation of the community college
19 commission in consultation with the department of
20 education, including post secondary education enrollment
21 options provided by means of distance education. Additional
22 student eligibility requirements for program participation
23 shall be based upon criteria established by the university

1 or the community college in collaboration with the
2 department of education, which address the high school
3 grade level, uniform prior curricula requirements, academic
4 achievement levels and national examination performance
5 indicators.

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7 (d) Subject to subsection (e) of this section, the
8 school district and the university or community college
9 district entering into an agreement for purposes of this
10 section shall, if there are any fees within the agreement,
11 establish fees to be assessed the school district for
12 student participation under the program, the payment
13 schedule for the established fees and other necessary
14 arrangements to facilitate fee payment and collection. Any
15 textbooks, materials or equipment purchased under the
16 established fees shall be addressed within the agreement
17 entered into between the university or college and the
18 school district. The university or community college shall
19 not directly assess and collect any fee from the
20 participating student for textbooks, materials, student
21 services or any other fees otherwise assessed and collected
22 from students attending the institution.

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1 (e) A student participating in the program shall be
2 counted within the average daily membership of the resident
3 school district as defined under W.S. 21-13-101(a)(i) and
4 concurrently by the participating higher education
5 institution for its full-time equivalent enrollment count.
6 A district or institution counting participating students
7 within respective student counts under this subsection
8 shall not by agreement or otherwise, assess any additional
9 fee or charge upon any district or institution
10 participating in the program agreement or upon any other
11 entity participating in the enrollment options program,
12 including a board of cooperative educational services
13 established under W.S. 21-20-104. Effective September 1,
14 2012 and each September 1 thereafter, any institution
15 participating in an enrollment options program agreement
16 under this section, including the University of Wyoming,
17 shall file a report with the community college commission
18 on revenues and expenditures attributable to program
19 participation for the immediately preceding school year.
20 In addition and on September 1 of each school year
21 beginning with September 1, 2012, each school district
22 participating in an enrollment options program agreement
23 shall file a report with the department of education

1 detailing revenues and expenditures attributable to program
2 participation for the preceding school year. Upon receipt,
3 the commission and department shall jointly compile reports
4 filed under this subsection by school districts and
5 institutions and submit the joint compilation to the joint
6 education interim committee.

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8 (h) Each school district board of trustees shall in
9 conjunction with the University of Wyoming, community
10 college district boards of trustees or other ~~postsecondary~~
11 post secondary education institutions accredited by
12 recognized and accepted accrediting agencies, make
13 ~~postsecondary~~ post secondary education options programs
14 pursuant to this section reasonably accessible to eligible
15 students. Any post secondary education options program
16 provided by any community college and the university shall
17 be in compliance with this section.

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19 (j) Commencing with the 2011-2012 school year, each
20 school district and community college participating in a
21 post secondary education options program agreement under
22 this section, together with the University of Wyoming,
23 shall annually report student participation in programs

1 offered under each program agreement to which the district
2 or institution has entered into, together with program
3 completion information for that same reporting period.
4 Reports shall contain information, shall be in a format and
5 shall be subject to a schedule required by rule and
6 regulation of the community college commission, promulgated
7 in collaboration with the department of education and the
8 university. Reports shall be filed with the community
9 college commission in the case of colleges and the
10 university, and with the department of education in the
11 case of school districts.

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13 **Section 2.**

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15 (a) The community college commission shall conduct
16 discussions to develop consensus on state seamless K-12 and
17 post secondary education programs with relevant
18 stakeholders. For purposes of this section, relevant
19 stakeholders include representatives from the Wyoming
20 community college commission, the seven (7) community
21 colleges and the University of Wyoming including
22 administrators, faculty and board members, the department
23 of education, school districts including administrators,

1 teachers and counselors, and representatives of students
2 and parents. Results of this discussion shall be used for
3 developing state policy and guidelines for programs:

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5 (i) Bridging high school and post secondary
6 education through concurrent and dual enrollment;

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8 (ii) Providing high school students an
9 opportunity to earn at least twelve (12) college credits in
10 addition to coursework meeting high school graduation
11 requirements;

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13 (iii) Complying with criteria developed by the
14 commission based upon consensus discussions, which
15 prescribe statewide processes, procedures and required
16 components for:

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18 (A) Determining program participation
19 through statewide uniform eligibility requirements;

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21 (B) Establishing and maintaining quality of
22 courses offered through dual and concurrent enrollment
23 programs;

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2 (C) Assembling required articulation
3 agreements between high schools and post secondary
4 institutions pursuant to W.S. 21-20-201;

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6 (D) Communication mechanisms established
7 for participating students and parents;

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9 (E) Student support services;

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11 (F) Parameters governing the use of
12 weighted grades;

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14 (G) Establishing common student performance
15 standards and expectations and establishing measures of
16 student outcomes;

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18 (H) Course transferability between
19 participating districts and post secondary institutions;

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21 (J) Data reporting and collection
22 instruments and requirements providing the basis for
23 program monitoring and evaluation;

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(K) Reporting and accountability of funding sources available to districts and post secondary education institutions for program provision.

(b) A major component of state policy development under subsection (a) of this section shall include the establishment and maintenance of a data system compiling student enrollment, completion and outcome information for high school and post secondary education dual and concurrent enrollment programs. Efforts shall be coordinated with the transcript center within the department of education, and the longitudinal data collection effort under the Hathaway student scholarship program pursuant to 2008 Wyoming session laws, chapter 95, section 901.

(c) In undertaking the consensus discussions and state policy development required under subsection (a) of this section, the community college commission shall give consideration to the role provided by distance education in developing criteria for dual and concurrent enrollment programs. For this purpose, the commission shall

1 coordinate efforts with the university, community colleges
2 and the Wyoming switchboard network administered by the
3 department of education.

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5 (d) The community college commission may contract
6 with appropriate persons and organizations to conduct the
7 consensus discussions required under subsection (a) of this
8 section and to assist with work necessary to establish
9 policies and processes addressing issues identified in
10 paragraphs (a)(i) through (iii) of this section. Progress
11 on consensus discussions and policy development shall be
12 periodically reported to the joint education committee,
13 culminating in a final report to the committee to be
14 submitted on or before January 1, 2011, which shall be
15 comprised of policy recommendations on issues identified in
16 this section, together with necessary enabling legislation.
17 Broad public involvement shall be documented within the
18 report, which shall serve as a basis for development of
19 uniform policy on dual and concurrent enrollment programs.

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21 (e) One hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00)
22 is appropriated from the general fund to the community
23 college commission for the period commencing upon the

1 effective date of this section, and ending June 30, 2011.
2 The commission shall expend monies appropriated under this
3 section to conduct consensus discussions and to develop
4 policy and processes specified under this section. The
5 commission may use monies appropriated under this section
6 to contract with appropriate persons and organizations as
7 authorized under subsection (d) of this section.

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9 **Section 3.**

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11 (a) Except as provided under subsection (b) of this
12 section, this act is effective July 1, 2010.

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14 (b) Section 2 of this act is effective immediately
15 upon completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become
16 law as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming
17 Constitution.

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